



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL PAUL W. SOMERS

Colonel Paul W. (Wes) Somers is the Director of the Operations Support Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He is responsible for program management of all civil engineer education and training, manpower, workforce management, logistics support, automation initiatives, software development and contract support requirements. His directorate is responsible for providing standards and guidance, and implementing policy to the major commands for the operation of facilities worldwide. The directorate also oversees unique civil engineer material acquisition systems, new vehicle purchases, equipment and tools programs and snow and ice control programs.

Colonel Somers was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1978. He is a master civil engineer who has held a wide range of positions within the Air Force including Base Civil Engineer, Squadron Commander, Civil Engineer Group Commander, Vice Wing Commander and Deputy Command Civil Engineer.



#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1978 Bachelor's of Science Degree, Civil Engineering, Mississippi State University
- 1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- 1986 Master's of Science Degree, Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 1990 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 1997 Air War College (seminar)

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. November 1978 - September 1981, Contract Management Inspector and Chief, Readiness and Logistics, 3800th Civil Engineering Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2. September 1981 - April 1984, Assistant Chief, Force Development Branch, Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
3. April 1984 - April 1985, Chief of Operations, Civil Engineering Division, 5073rd Air Base Group, Shemya Air Force Base, Alaska
4. May 1985 - October 1986, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
5. October 1986 - August 1989, Chief, Operations Branch, 833rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
6. September 1989 - July 1993, Deputy Chief, Air Force Engineering Services Center Liaison Division; Readiness Program Manager; and Chief, Executive Services Office, Office of The Civil Engineer Headquarters US Air Force, Washington D.C.
7. July 1993 - June 1995, Commander and Base Civil Engineer, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
8. July 1995 - July 1997, Commander and Base Civil Engineer, 37th Civil Engineer Squadron, Lackland Air

Force Base, Texas

9. July 1997 - July 2000, Deputy Commander, 14th Support Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi
10. July 2000 - July 2001, Chief, Privatization Division, Office of The Civil Engineer, Headquarters US Air Force, Washington D.C.
11. July 2001 - July 2003, Commander, 75th Civil Engineer Group, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
12. August - December 2002, Vice Commander, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing and Commander, 380<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates
13. August 2003 – July 2005, Deputy Command Civil Engineer, Directorate of Mission Support, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster  
Bronze Star  
Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and six oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster  
National Defense Service Medal with Device  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Device  
2002 Air Force Materiel Command Society of American Military Engineers Newman Medal  
1988 Tactical Air Command Outstanding Civil Engineering Manager of the Year

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	12 November 1978
First Lieutenant	15 November 1980
Captain	15 November 1982
Major	1 August 1989
Lieutenant Colonel	1 November 1994
Colonel	1 November 2000

(Current as of August 2005)